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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 993819-8
First Inventor Christopher E. Schafer, et al.
Title Improved Fluid Retaining Apparatus With Ball Valve
Express Mail Label No. ET190441718

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 15]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. ☐ Paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number | |
| Filing Date | |
| First Named Inventor | Christopher E. Schafer, et al. |
| Examiner Name | |
| Art Unit | |
| Attorney Docket No. | 993819-8 |

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| 3. ADDITIONAL FEES | | | | | | | | | |
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| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | | | | | | |
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | | Fee Paid | | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | | | | | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | | | | | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | | | | | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | | | | | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | | | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | | | | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | | | | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | | | | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | | | | | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | | | | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | | | | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | | | | | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | | | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | | | | | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | | | | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | | | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | | | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | | | | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | | | | | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | | | | | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | | | | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | | | | | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | | | | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | | | | 40.00 |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | | | | | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | | | | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | | | | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | | | | | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | | | | | |
| *Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid | | | | | | SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 40.00 | | | |

FEE CALCULATION

| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Large Entity | | Small Entity | |
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 |
| Fee Description | | Fee Paid | |
| Utility filing fee | | 385.00 | |
| Design filing fee | | | |
| Plant filing fee | | | |
| Reissue filing fee | | | |
| Provisional filing fee | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) 385.00 | |

| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE | | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|----------|
| | | Fee from below | |
| Total Claims | Extra Claims | | Fee Paid |
| Independent Claims | -20** = | X | |
| Multiple Dependent | -3** = | X | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | | |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|--|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | (\$) | | | |

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